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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Aaron Strange

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Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12-29-00 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Muret et al (US 2002/0042821).
3. With regard to claim 1, Muret et al. disclose a method for use in tracking the actions of an Internet user, comprising: loading data from a transaction log of an Internet server into a database system (log engine) (Page 2, Paragraph 51, Lines 1-2), where the data includes an entry for each request to the Internet server (Page 2, Paragraph 51, Lines 4-6), including information identifying the which user submitted the request (Page 4, Paragraph 71, Lines 7-10) and information identifying the time at which the request was received (Page 3, Paragraph 55, Lines 1-5); and selecting all entries associated with a particular user and corresponding to a single session of that user (Page 4, Paragraph 71).
4. With regard to claim 2, Muret et al. further disclose that the step of selecting includes selecting entries with time stamps lying in a predetermined range (Page 4, Paragraph 71, Lines 10-13).

5. With regard to claim 3, Muret et al. further disclose that the step of selecting includes comparing time stamps of entries and selecting each entry for which the time stamp differs from the time stamp of another entry by less than a predetermined amount (Page 4, Paragraph 71, Lines 10-13).

6. With regard to claim 4, Muret et al. further disclose that the step of selecting includes selecting each entry for which the time stamp differs from the time stamp of another entry by less than 30 minutes (Page 4, Paragraph 71, Lines 10-13).

7. With regard to claim 5, Muret et al. further disclose sorting the selected entries chronologically to reconstruct the user's clickstream (Page 4, Paragraph 72, Lines 4-5).

8. With regard to claim 6, Muret et al. disclose a computer program for use in tracking the actions of an Internet user, the program comprising executable instructions that cause a computer to: load data from a transaction log of an Internet server into a database system (log engine) (Page 2, Paragraph 51, Lines 1-2), where the data includes an entry for each request to the Internet server (Page 2, Paragraph 51, Lines 4-6), including information identifying the which user submitted the request (Page 4, Paragraph 71, Lines 7-10) and information identifying the time at which the request was received (Page 3, Paragraph 55, Lines 1-5); and select all entries associated with a particular user and corresponding to a single session of that user (Page 4, Paragraph 71).

9. With regard to claim 7, Muret et al. further disclose that, in selecting entries, the computer selects entries with time stamps lying in a predetermined range (Page 4, Paragraph 71, Lines 10-13).

10. With regard to claim 8, Muret et al. further disclose that, in selecting entries, the computer compares time stamps of entries and selects each entry for which the time stamp differs from the time stamp of another entry by less than a predetermined amount (Page 4, Paragraph 71, Lines 10-13).

11. With regard to claim 9, Muret et al. further disclose that, in selecting entries, the computer selects each entry for which the time stamp differs from the time stamp of another entry by less than 30 minutes (Page 4, Paragraph 71, Lines 10-13).

12. With regard to claim 10, Muret et al. further disclose that the computer sorts the selected entries chronologically to reconstruct the user's clickstream (Page 4, Paragraph 72, Lines 4-5).

13. With regard to claim 11, Muret et al. disclose a database system comprising: one or more data-storage facilities (database) (Fig 1, 300) for use in storing data received from a transaction log of an Internet server computer (Page 1, Paragraph 51), where the data includes an entry for each request to the Internet server (Page 2, Paragraph 51, Lines 4-6), including information identifying the which user submitted the request (Page 4, Paragraph 71, Lines 7-10) and information identifying the time at which the request was received (Page 3, Paragraph 55, Lines 1-5); and one or more processing modules configured to manage the data stored in the data storage facilities (log engine) (page 3, Paragraph 57); and a database-management component configured to select from the data all entries associated with a particular user and corresponding to a single session of that user (Page 4, Paragraph 71).

14. With regard to claim 12, Muret et al. further disclose that the database-management component is configured to select entries with time stamps lying in a predetermined range (Page 4, Paragraph 71, Lines 10-13).

15. With regard to claim 13, Muret et al. further disclose that the database-management component is configured to compare time stamps of entries and select each entry for which the time stamp differs from the time stamp of another entry by less than a predetermined amount (Page 4, Paragraph 71, Lines 10-13).

16. With regard to claim 14, Muret et al. further disclose that the database-management component is configured to select each entry for which the time stamp differs from the time stamp of another entry by less than 30 minutes (Page 4, Paragraph 71, Lines 10-13).

17. With regard to claim 15, Muret et al. further disclose that the database-management component is configured to sort the selected entries chronologically to reconstruct the user's clickstream (Page 4, Paragraph 72, Lines 4-5).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron Strange whose telephone number is 703-305-8878. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glen Burgess can be reached on 703-305-4792. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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